

## A Quarterly Newsletter Of



**The City  
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Management**  
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## Improvements coming to Waste Disposal & Recycling Center

Over the next several months watch for improvements at the City's Waste Disposal & Recycling Center, which is located at 2115 East Club Boulevard.

Effective July 1, the operations of the Center are a part of the Department of Solid Waste Management. As a result, some changes are on the way, including better signage to direct customers to areas within the facility. Plus, we'll be adding oil filter recycling to our list of services.

The Center offers a recycling drop-off area for all materials included in the City's residential recycling program, which includes glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles (coded #1, #2, #5, #7); aluminum and steel cans; aluminum foil and pie tins; gable-top beverage containers, such as milk or juice cartons; aseptic containers, such as juice boxes; plastic six-pack rings; newspaper; corrugated cardboard; glossy magazines and catalogs; and white and colored office paper.

The Center also accepts many more recyclables that are not accepted at the curb or the drop-off locations, such as mixed paper (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, envelopes, phone books, etc.), white goods (large appliances), scrap tires (tires must be off rims), used oil and oil filters, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, and used cooking oil.

In addition to recycling, the Center is home to a reuse center, the Swap Shop. At the Swap Shop residents may drop off and

pick up reusable items that are in working order and reasonably clean—for free. Items accepted include baking dishes and pans,



*Pictured here are the collection containers for recycling at the center.*

baskets, dishes, lawn and garden items, filing cabinets, phones, blenders, fans, bicycles, games, and tools. Sorry, but we are not able to accept clothing, mattresses, box springs, and broken items.

The Center is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to noon. For more information about the Center, call the Scale House at (919) 560-4611.

The Department of Solid Waste Management also oversees the Transfer Station area, where trucks dump garbage onto a tipping floor. The garbage is then compacted into closed trailers and semi trucks that transport it to a sanitary landfill in Lawrenceville, VA.

Landfill post-closure maintenance and gas and groundwater monitoring will remain the responsibility of the City's Environmental Resources Department.

El Centro de Reciclaje en 2115 East Club Blvd ahora esta bajo de la administración del Departamento de Dirección de Desechos Sólidos. Usted puede traer al centro: papel mezclado, aparatos grandes, llantas, petróleo de motor, aceite de cocina, anticongelante, y baterías de coche. Está abierto lunes a viernes, 7:30-4:30, y el sábado, 7:30- 12:00. Para más información en Ingles, llame (919) 560-4611.



## McCary steps down

David McCary, the director of Durham's Department of Solid Waste Management for nearly five years, resigned from the department in August and now has a similar position in Tampa, Florida.

"David has contributed so much to this City through his leadership, his competence, his motivational skills, and his friendliness. He has brought his department to a level in the solid waste management business that has been recognized, not only by the City, but also by industry leaders throughout the country. It suffices to say that he will be greatly missed, and he leaves big shoes to fill," said Durham City Manager Marcia Conner.

McCary is now the director of Solid Waste Management for the City of Tampa, a department with a \$54 million budget, more than 200 employees, and a state of

the art waste-to-energy facility. "I look forward to the opportunity and the challenge of managing and leading the solid waste activities for Tampa. I will miss all of my co-workers here in Durham. They are the reason for my success," McCary said.

McCary is credited with reinvigorating the city's solid waste department at a time when morale was low and complaints were high, and establishing it as one of the most efficiently run and respected departments in the City. Under his leadership, the department introduced a fully automated waste collection system to Durham in June 2000, and has worked collaboratively with other City departments to attract and retain businesses in Durham. His department also has received numerous recognitions, including the 2001 EPA WasteWise Award.

## Durham Recycles Week set for November 9-15

We'll be celebrating America Recycles "Day" for a whole week in Durham in November. During the week leading up to America Recycles Day, which is November 15, we'll have a host of great activities so that you can learn more about the benefits of recycling—and do more about it, too!

Here's what we have planned:

- There will be a display at City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, that will include information about all of the City's recycling programs and how to participate in them, as well as a raffle for some great recycled-content prizes.
- We'll be celebrating the addition of a permanent mixed paper collection site at the Festival Shopping Center recycling drop-off location at 3457 Hillsborough Road, next to Kroger.
- On November 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., we'll host a Waste Less Fest at The Village Shopping Center, 1100 N. Miami Boulevard, next to the Post Office. At this waste reduction and water conservation event, residents can recycle their mixed paper, exchange an old and broken recycling bin for a free replacement, exchange an old water-wasting showerhead for a new low-flow one, buy a low-flow showerhead for only \$3 cash, buy a compost bin for \$32 (two styles available, checks only, make checks payable to City of Durham), or sign up for yard waste recycling service. These events are the result of a cooper-

ative effort between the City departments of Environmental Resources and Solid Waste Management, and TFC Recycling, the City's recycling contractor. For more information call (919) 560-4185 or visit

[www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us/departments/solid).

- During the week, there will be random drawings for residents who recycle properly at the curb. Prizes include compost bins, recycle carts, tee shirts, mugs, and other recycled-content items.



In addition to taking part in these great events, you can also pledge to make every day America Recycles Day. To be an "everyday recycler," start to compost food waste at home, buy more products made out of recycled materials, buy products at the grocery store that have the least amount of packaging, and plan ahead to recycle by choosing products and packages that you know how and where to recycle. Citizens, both adults and youth, who pledge to be better recyclers may enter to win a national prize drawing by completing the form below and returning it to our office by November 3, 2003. Or, you may fill out the form online at [www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org](http://www.AmericaRecyclesDay.org).

Estaremos celebrando "América Recycles Day" por una semana entera en noviembre. Tendremos varias actividades para que usted podrá aprender más del reciclaje. Vamos a dar premios al azar a casas que reciclan esa semana. Todos ciudadanos que prometen ser mejores recicladores pueden entrar un concurso para ganar un premio nacional. Para ser elegible, llene y mande la forma por el 3 de noviembre.

### CLIP & RETURN

### Pledge to make every day America Recycles Day!

**Yes, I want to pledge my support! Here's what I'll do:**

- ☐ Recycle something I don't currently recycle.
- ☐ Recycle more of my \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Buy recycled-content products.
- ☐ Visit a solid waste facility, such as a recycling or composting center or a landfill.
- ☐ Invite a speaker to my club or business who will tell us more about recycling and buying recycled.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or Organization (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you are under the age of 18. ☐

Please enter me in the random drawing. One entry per person. No purchase necessary. Your name and address will be kept confidential.

Mail this entry form to: Alison Fiori, Department of Solid Waste Management, 101 City Hall Plaza, Durham, NC 27701.

We must receive your entry form by November 3, 2003. All entries will be forwarded for the state and national America Recycles Day prize drawings.



# What's inside your lunch?

Lunchtime can be a very wasteful time of day. After lunch, people throw away uneaten food, inedible food scraps, packaging, and containers. Adults who "brown bag it" or purchase carry-out food, as well as students who eat lunch at school, produce quite a bit of garbage. For instance, students throw away an average of 67 pounds of lunch waste each year.

At lunch today or tomorrow, take a look around. How many reusable lunch boxes or insulated bags do you see? How many disposable paper bags? How much uneaten food is thrown away at the end of the meal? Are recyclable containers being recycled?

Here are some tips to help you pack a waste-free lunch:

- Use a reusable bag or lunch box.
- Place foods into washable containers.
- Bring a drink in a reusable bottle or thermos or in a recyclable bottle or can.
- Use "real" silverware, or wash and reuse plastic silverware.
- If you purchase single-serve containers of fruit or other items, be sure to select recyclable steel cans whenever possible.
- Buy food, such as yogurt or chips, in bulk. Each day, put a serving into your own reusable container.
- Include a cloth napkin.
- Be sure to thoroughly wash your



reusable containers. Use hot, soapy water. And remember to wash your hands before you pack your lunch.

- Start recycling in your lunchroom—or, if you can't, be sure to take recyclable containers home to recycle.
- Compost your uneaten food and scraps, such as apple cores and banana peels, with the help of red wiggler worms.

Here are some tips to help you reduce waste if you purchase lunch:

- Choose portions that you'll be able to finish. If you are at a restaurant that only serves very large portions, share the meal or take the leftovers home.
- Whenever possible, go to restaurants that use reusable plates, silverware, and napkins.
- If more than once a week you eat at a restaurant that uses disposable containers and packaging, cut back. Give up one of these disposable meals per week.

La hora del almuerzo puede ser un tiempo del día "desperdiciado." Después de almorzar, la mayoría de las personas tiran a la basura los desperdicios de comida, las envolturas de la comida, los empaques y envases. Por ejemplo, los estudiantes tiran al año un promedio de 67 libras de desperdicios del almuerzo. Para empacar un almuerzo libre de desperdicios, use bolsas reusables de materiales aislantes, o una lonchera con envases reusables. Lleve su bebida en una botella lavable o en un envase reciclable. Compre la comida al mayoreo y haga sus paquetes individuales para cada día. Cuando vaya a un restaurante, escoga solo las porciones que va a consumir. Si el restaurante solo sirve porciones grandes, comparta su platillo con otro de los comensales o llévese lo que le sobre a casa. Si usted come más de una vez a la semana en restaurantes que utilizan platos desechables, hágase el propósito de disminuir sus visitas a esos restaurantes. Haciendo esto usted habrá ahorrado mucha basura de bolsas, vasos y otros envases desechables en el curso de un año.

## Laptop lunches

Two California moms created the Laptop Lunchbox, which includes removable inner containers, as well as a stainless steel fork and spoon. Each Lunchbox comes with *The Laptop Lunch User's Guide: Fresh Ideas for Making Wholesome, Earth-Friendly Lunches Your Kids Will Love*, which has menus and recipes for healthy and low-waste packed lunches.

If you're in the market for a new lunch box or bag, you might want to check this out. If you aren't, the book can be purchased separately. You also might want to find out if your library has or could get you a copy to borrow.

For details, visit [www.laptoplunches.com](http://www.laptoplunches.com) or call 831-457-0301.



En California hay dos mamás que inventaron la "Laptop de las Loncheras." Dicho invento contiene cinco envases removibles, así como tenedor y cuchara de acero. Cada una de estas loncheras viene acompañada de una guía para el usuario que contiene ideas fabulosas sobre como preparar almuerzos sabrosos y substanciosos para sus niños. Para más información sobre esta guía (*The Laptop Lunch User's Guide: Fresh Ideas for Making Wholesome, Earth-Friendly Lunches Your Kids Will Love*) favor de checar la página del internet [www.laptoplunches.com](http://www.laptoplunches.com) o si prefiere puede llamar al 831-457-0301.

### For more information on waste-free lunches, visit:

[www.wastefreelunches.org](http://www.wastefreelunches.org)  
[www.ciwm.ca.gov/Schools/WasteReduce/Food/ZeroWaste.htm](http://www.ciwm.ca.gov/Schools/WasteReduce/Food/ZeroWaste.htm)  
[www.kidsrecycle.org/reduction.html](http://www.kidsrecycle.org/reduction.html)  
[www.grn.org/resources/excess\\_packaging.html](http://www.grn.org/resources/excess_packaging.html)  
[www.informinc.org/getatlunch.php](http://www.informinc.org/getatlunch.php)

## Wacky Uses

Joey Green's website, like his books, is a wealth of wacky information on using everyday products in unexpected ways. For instance, have you ever polished furniture with old pantyhose? According to Green, you might want to.

Green's books and website contain suggestions for using products that you might already have in your home, such as baking soda or aluminum foil, to help with household chores.

Look for these and other books by Green at your library or favorite used bookstore:

- *Joey Green's Encyclopedia of Offbeat Uses for Brand-Name Products: Hundreds of Handy Household Hints for More Than 120 Household Products from Alka-Seltzer to Ziploc Storage Bags*
- *Clean It! Fix It! Eat It!: Easy Ways to Solve Everyday Problems with Brand-Name Products You've Already Got Around the House*

For even more of Green's use and reuse ideas, visit his website, [www.wackyuses.com](http://www.wackyuses.com).



La página de internet del Sr. Joey Green's, al igual que sus libros, es una gran fuente de información peculiar sobre el uso sorprendente de artículos comunes y corrientes en formas que usted nunca se hubiera imaginado. Por ejemplo, ¿se le hubiera a usted ocurrido usar sus medias para encerrar sus muebles? De acuerdo al Sr. Green, esto es una excelente idea.

Entre sus libros encontramos: ¡Limpiálo! ¡Arréglalo! ¡Cómételo!; Maneras Sencillas de Resolver Problemas Rutinarios con Productos Comunes que Usted Tiene Alrededor de su Casa; y Encere sus Muebles con sus Medias: Y Cientos de Consejos para el Uso de Productos Comunes. Para más información sobre las ideas del Sr. Green, le recomendamos que consiga sus libros, o visite su página de internet al [www.wackyuses.com](http://www.wackyuses.com).

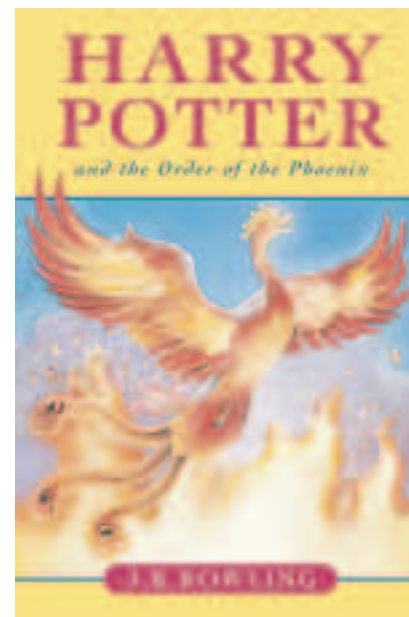
## North of the border, Potter gets recycled paper

When the Canadian edition of *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*, the fifth in the Potter series, was published this summer, all 935,000 copies were printed on 100-percent recycled paper.

According to the Canadian publisher, Raincoast Books, this resulted in saving:

- 29,640 trees from Canada's old-growth forests
- 12,419,261 gallons of water, enough to fill 31 Olympic-sized swimming pools
- 1,396,739 pounds of garbage
- 20,248 BTUs of electricity, enough to power the average North American home for 195 years

J.K. Rowling, author of the series, wrote of this recycled-content edition, "The forest at Hogwarts is home to magical creatures like unicorns and centaurs. Because the Canadian editions are printed on Ancient Forest Friendly paper, the Harry Potter books are helping to save magnificent forests in the Muggle world.... It is a good idea to respect ancient trees, especially if they have a temper like the Whomping Willow."



Cuando la edición canadiense del libro *Harry Potter y la Orden de Phoenix*, la quinta en la serie de Potter, fue publicada este verano, unas 935,000 copias fueron impresas en papel 100% reciclable. Gracias a esto se logró ahorrar el consumo de 29,640 árboles de los antiguos bosques de Canadá, 12,419,261 galones de agua, 1,396,739 libras de basura y 20,248 BTUs de electricidad, suficiente para proveer electricidad por 195 años al hogar promedio Norte Americano.



# Greening fall and winter festivities

Fall and winter bring families and friends together for lots of celebrations. Unfortunately, these celebrations often result in extra waste, such as uneaten food, disposable paper products, shopping bags, used costumes, boxes, wrapping paper, unwanted gifts, and much, much more.

As the fall and winter festivities get underway, consider these tips to reduce your waste:

- Avoid disposable decorations, costumes, paper products, and serving ware.
- Decorate with your family treasures. Having a football bash? Display your football card collection.
- Don't make too much food. If you have leftovers, send food home with your guests.
- Shop reused first. Look for unique gifts at antique and secondhand stores.

- On shopping trips, carry your own reused paper and plastic shopping bags or reusable cloth bags.
- Select consumable gifts, such as movie passes, event tickets, or museum or zoo memberships.
- Give the gift of time. Help a friend clean out a room or garage. Offer to walk your neighbor's dog.
- Donate gently used items to charities that support struggling families.
- Make your own wrapping paper.

If you are looking for more great ideas, simply go to a search engine and type in "holiday waste reduction." Or, look for ideas at these websites:

- [www.eco-artware.com/tips/](http://www.eco-artware.com/tips/)
- [www.newdream.org/holiday/](http://www.newdream.org/holiday/)
- [www.use-less-stuff.com](http://www.use-less-stuff.com) and click on "42 Ways to Trim Your Holiday Wasteline"

El otoño y el invierno son épocas ideales para las reuniones familiares. Desafortunadamente, estas reuniones siempre producen basura extra, incluyendo desperdicios de alimentos, productos de papel desechables, bolsas de compras, disfraces usados, cajas, papeles de envoltura, y regalos abandonados. Para reducir su basura, evite usar decoraciones, platos y productos desechables. Si le sobra comida, ofrézcasela a sus invitados cuando estos se marchen. Compre sus regalos en tiendas de consignación. Lleve sus propias bolsas cuando vaya de compras. Seleccione regalos prácticos, tales como: pases para el cine, boletos para eventos especiales, membresías para el zoológico o para el museo, etc. O mejor aún, obsequie el regalo de su tiempo. Haga su propio papel para envolver regalos de las bolsas de papel de los abarrotes y de los muñequitos del periódico. Para más ideas, consulte el internet, socilitando: "reduciendo la basura en las festividades" (holiday waste reduction).

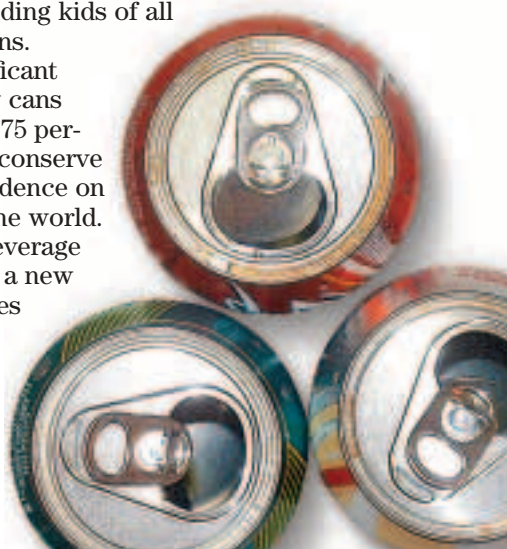
# Nickelodeon gives aluminum can recycling a kick

Jimmy Neutron, from the Nickelodeon television series "The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron, Boy Genius," is reminding kids of all ages to recycle aluminum beverage cans.

Recycling aluminum saves a significant amount of energy. In fact, making new cans from used aluminum consumes about 75 percent less energy. Recycling also helps conserve natural resources, reducing our dependence on mined resources from other parts of the world.

When you recycle an aluminum beverage can, it is crushed, melted, formed into a new can, filled, and returned to store shelves within about two months. This is true "closed-loop recycling" because the aluminum is turned—over and over again—into the same product.

To learn more about aluminum can recycling, visit [www.recycleyourcans.org](http://www.recycleyourcans.org).



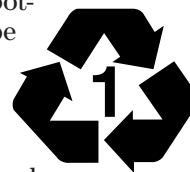
En la serie de televisión Nickelodeon "Las Aventuras de Jimmy Neutron, el Niño Genio," constantemente se les recuerda a los chiquillos que reciclen las latas de aluminio de sus refrescos. El reciclaje de aluminio contribuye significativamente a grandes ahorros de energía y también ayuda a la conservación de recursos naturales. Cuando se recicla una lata de aluminio, está se comprime, se derrite, se vuelve a moldear en una lata nueva y en menos de dos meses ya está de nuevo en los alaqueles de las tiendas para ser vendida. Visite nuestra dirección de internet [www.recycleyourcans.org](http://www.recycleyourcans.org) para que aprenda más acerca de este programa.

# ...And a bottle of water, please

What do cell phones, coffee cups, and water bottles have in common? They are among the things you're most likely to see people carrying when you're out in public.

Bottled water is now available at convenience stores, fast-food restaurants, vending machines, and even in check-out line coolers at retail stores. According to the Beverage Marketing Corporation, about 1.7 billion gallons of water in single-serve plastic bottles were sold during the year 2000. This is equivalent to 10.88 billion 20-ounce bottles. Single-serve bottled water sales are expected to increase by at least 15 percent by 2005 to nearly 2 billion gallons, or an amount equivalent to about 12.8 billion 20-ounce bottles.

Single-serve water bottles are made from a type of plastic called polyethylene terephthalate (abbreviated PET or PETE). These bottles, which are marked with a chasing-arrows symbol, the number 1, and the letters PETE, are recyclable. They can be turned into carpet, household products, and fabric. However, too



many of them end up in trash containers or, worse, along roadsides or on the ground.

Keep your water bottles for reuse or recycling. When you get home, wash and refill the bottles. "Home-made" bottled water reduces your overall use of plastic bottles, saving energy, conserving resources, and reducing transportation requirements. If you choose not to reuse your bottles, be sure to recycle them.

De acuerdo con la Corporación de Mercadeo de Bebidas, durante el año 2000 se vendieron aproximadamente 1.7 billones de galones de agua en botellas individuales de plástico. Esto equivale a 10.88 billones de botellas de 20 onzas.

Las botellas de este tamaño están hechas de un tipo de plástico llamado polyethylene terephthalate (que se abrevia PET ó PETE). Estas botellas, que están marcadas con un triángulo de flechas, con el número 1, y con las letras PETE, son reciclables. Pueden ser convertidas en alfombras, productos para el hogar y telas para hacer camisetas, sudaderas y cobijas. Sin embargo, muchas de estas botellas terminan en los botes de basura, o aún peor, terminan tiradas en la calle y en los parques.

No tire sus botellas de agua—guárdelas para volver a usarlas y/o reciclarlas.

# Conscious consumption

According to the second annual Lifestyles of Health and Sustainability survey conducted in 2003 by the Natural Marketing Institute, about 68 million U.S. adults, or about one-third of consumers, said they were concerned about environmental and social issues. As a result, these consumers reported making purchasing decisions with those things in mind.

These consumers are committed to what can be called "conscious consumption." Conscious consumers consider what items are really needed, where these products came from, what resources were used to make them, how they are packaged, and what will happen to them when they are no longer useful.

This fall, the Center for a New American Dream will launch a new "Conscious Consumer" section to its website. Look for more information soon at [www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org), or go to [www.ibuydifferent.org](http://www.ibuydifferent.org).



En una encuesta reciente, la tercera parte de los consumidores de Estados Unidos declararon estar preocupados por asuntos sociales y del ambiente. Estos consumidores están comprometidos a lo que se podría llamar como "consumo consciente." Los consumidores conscientes consideran qué artículos son los que verdaderamente necesitan, de donde vienen estos productos, que recursos utilizan, como están empacados, y que pasaría con ellos cuando ya no les sean de utilidad. Para aprender más acerca de este programa, cheque la dirección de [www.newdream.org](http://www.newdream.org) ó [www.ibuydifferent.org](http://www.ibuydifferent.org).



# WHAT'S UP?

## Introducing... Josephine Valencia



Josephine Valencia is the Commercial Waste Reduction Specialist for the City of Durham. She joined the Department of Solid Waste Management in December 2002. She is responsible for education and enforcement of the disposal ban within the business community. She also helps companies identify appropriate disposal methods for potentially hazardous materials.

Josephine has a Bachelors of Business Administration from Baruch College and a Masters in Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University. She has a diverse occupational background and has worked for the New York State Senate, the Governor of Pennsylvania, the US Department of Commerce, and the Town of Cary. También habla español.

She has lived in Durham for five years with her spouse. They are joint owners of a local window cleaning franchise. When not fighting for the forces of waste reduction, she enjoys relaxing in her garden of heirloom tomatoes.

Josephine Valencia comenzó a trabajar para la Ciudad en diciembre 2002. Ella ayuda los negocios locales con sus necesidades de reciclaje. Ella habla español.

## A-Z Recyclery

Do you know of a business that is keeping a lot of waste out of the waste stream by reusing or recycling? Let us know so we can add them to the City's A-Z Recyclery that lists ways to recycle everything from aluminum cans and scrap metal to phone books and electronics.

¿Sabe usted de un negocio que mantiene mucho desecho fuera de la basura? Díganos esta información y los podemos agregar a nuestra lista de reciclaje.

# Recycling convenient for City residents

In Durham, residents living in single-family homes are provided with curbside recycling. Other residents are encouraged to take advantage of the convenient recycling drop-off centers located throughout Durham. All except the Waste Disposal & Recycling Center are located in parking lots and are open 24 hours each day. These are the centers:

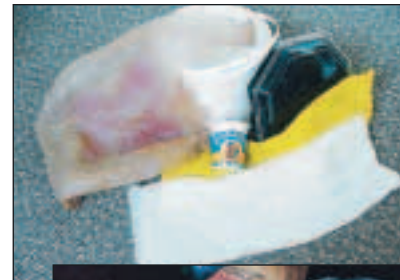
1. Festival Shopping Center — 3457 Hillsborough Rd., next to Kroger
2. Heritage Square Shopping Center — beside Housing & Community Dev. Dept. at Fayetteville St. and Lakewood Ave., near Hwy. 147
3. Liggett and Myers — Downtown, Cigarette Rd., across from DATA bus terminal
4. Northgate Mall — off Guess Rd., behind Office Max
5. Oxford Commons Shopping Center — 3500 N. Roxboro Rd., in front of Wal-Mart
6. Firestone at South Square — behind Firestone at corner of University and Westgate Drives
7. TFC Recycling — 1017 S. Hoover Rd.
8. The Village Shopping Center — 1100 N. Miami Blvd., beside the Post Office
9. Waste Disposal & Recycling Center — 2115 E. Club Blvd. (Open Mon. – Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Sat., 7:30 a.m. to noon)
10. Woodcroft Shopping Center — Hope Valley Rd., near Hwy. 54

At the curb and the City's ten recycling drop-off centers, you can recycle glass bottles and jars; plastic bottles (coded #1, #2, #5, #7); aluminum and steel cans; aluminum foil and pie tins; gable-top beverage containers, such as milk or juice cartons; aseptic containers, such as juice boxes; plastic six-pack rings; newspaper; corrugated cardboard; glossy magazines

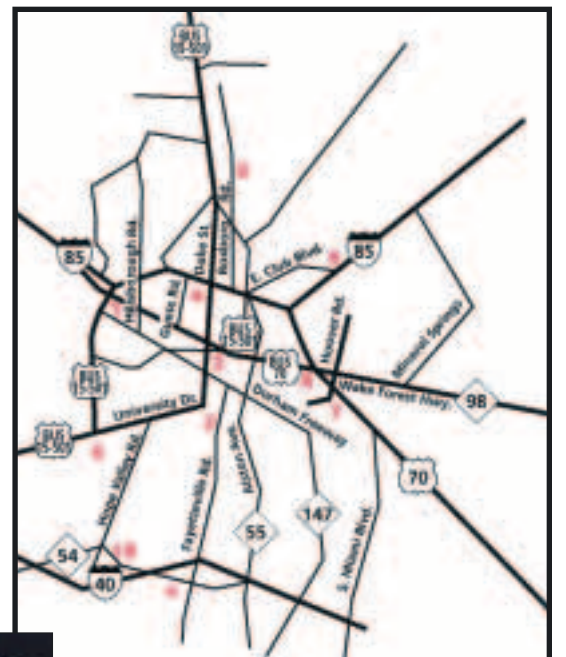
and catalogs; and white and colored office paper.

Sometimes, residents place other items into bins hoping that they can be recycled. Please, only place the items listed above into the bins. These are the ONLY items for which we have recycling markets.

Remember—it is the law in Durham to recycle aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars, newspaper, and corrugated cardboard. Residents and businesses may receive penalty fees for not recycling.



**These are the types of contamination that we see. Please keep these items OUT of recycling bins and off the ground. If you cannot reuse them, place them where they belong—in the trash.**



## Not in the bin (please)!

Never place these items into the City's curbside or drop-off recycling bins:

- NO plastic shopping bags
- NO plastic bags that came around your newspaper
- NO yogurt containers or margarine tubs
- NO deli containers
- NO plastic buckets of any size
- NO Styrofoam

Los centros para dejar artículos reciclables aceptan: cartón corrugado, botellas y potes de vidrio, botellas de plástico #1, 2, 5, 7, latas de acero y aluminio, papel de aluminio y los moldes de pastel aluminio, recipientes de bebida como cartones de leche y jugo, cajas de jugo, anillos plástico de seis, periódicos, revistas y catálogos, papel de oficina blanco y con color. Por favor no incluya ningún tipo de bolsas, y ningún plástico que no es una botella, como juguetes, contenedores de margarina, o cubos.

## The City now offers The Recycle Mate™ for sale.

**These utility carts are ideal for anyone who has a difficult time carrying their curbside recycling bin to the street for collection day. The cart essentially works as a dolly for the bin. The bin hooks right onto the cart, which can then be wheeled to the curb, thus eliminating bending and lifting for residents.**

**These carts are sold for \$14.95 each (the City's cost). Checks only, made payable to the City of Durham, are accepted. Carts are sold during business hours at the Solid Waste Operations Facility, 1833 Camden Avenue, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



La Ciudad ahora ofrece el "Recycle Mate™" de venta. Estos carritos son ideales para cualquiera persona que tiene dificultad llevando su cajón de reciclaje a la casa. Valen \$14.95, y solamente aceptamos cheques.

## Electronics now accepted from residents at HHW collection events

After a successful pilot program, electronics (computer monitors, CPUs, TVs, copiers, fax machines, and computer peripherals) are now being accepted from residents at Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection events. In 2002, more

than 12 tons of electronics were recycled. Other acceptable HHW items include paint, pesticides, household and auto batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil, antifreeze and other automotive fluids.

If you need to get rid of paint, remember that dried latex paint can be safely disposed of with household garbage. However, all oil-based paints should be brought to an HHW collection event for proper disposal.



**These items are waiting to be stacked on pallets and picked up for recycling.**

HHW collection events are held at 1900 East Club Boulevard (across from the North Durham Water Reclamation Facility) on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, July through October, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Remember that from November through February, the HHW center is only open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month. Upcoming dates are October 11, October 25, November 8, and December 13.

For more information, call the 24-hour HHW hotline at (919) 287-8051 or the City's Environmental Resources Department at (919) 560-4381.

Waste from businesses is NOT accepted at this site.

Para información sobre la colección de desechos peligroso de la casa (HHW), como químicas del jardín, pintura, y electrónicas, llama 919-287-8051 y marque #2 para información en español. Pintura de látex seca se puede poner con la basura. Todas pinturas de aceite deben ser traída a una colección de HHW para disposición.

## Looking for the newest info? Visit our website!

Visit [www.ci.durham.nc.us](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us) to see the City's newly designed website. The Department of Solid Waste Management and the Waste Reduction Division make continuous modifications so that residents have access to the most up-to-date information. For instance, the update to the 10-Year Solid Waste Management Plan that was submitted to the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources on June 30, 2003 can be downloaded from the site.

Is there information that is not on the site but that you think should be included? Let us know! Email [afiori@ci.durham.nc.us](mailto:afiori@ci.durham.nc.us) with comments and suggestions.

¿Esta buscando la información más nueva? Visite nuestro sitio en el Internet, [www.ci.durham.nc.us](http://www.ci.durham.nc.us). Nuestro departamento hace modificaciones frecuentemente.

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